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## LIST OF PLATES

MRS. SHERIDAN AS ST. CECILIA

KITTY O'BRIEN

MISS HORNECK

VISCOUNT MALDEN AND SISTER

MISSSES CREWE

LADY MELBOURNE AND CHILD

MISS BOWLES

DAVID GARRICK

MISS CHOLMONDELEY

MRS. HARDINGE

LADY SEAFORTH AND CHILD

MASTER BUNBURY

LADY C. PELHAM CLINTON

MADemoisELLE BACELLI

AGE OF INNOCENCE

GUARDIAN ANGELS

VISCOUNT ALTHORP

LORD GRANTHAM AND BROTHER

SAMUEL

THE LADIES YORKE



## A CHRONOLOGY OF SIR JOSHUA REYNOLDS

1723. July 16th. Joshua Reynolds, son of the Rev. Samuel Reynolds, and of Theophila his wife, born at Plympton Earl, Devon. Educated by his father at the Plympton Grammar School.
1735. Painted his first known portrait on a boat-sail on Cremyll Beach, Mount Edgcumbe, that of Parson Smart.
1740. Apprenticed to Thomas Hudson the portrait painter. Arrived in London on October 13th.
1742. Disagreed with Hudson; left London and set up as portrait painter at Plymouth Dock, now Devonport.
1746. Death of Samuel Reynolds. Joshua joined by his two unmarried sisters at Plymouth Dock.
1749. Sailed with Commodore Augustus, afterwards Viscount, Keppel, in the "Centurion" for the Mediterranean. Landed at Minorca in August, where he painted the officers of the garrison. Accident in riding. Late in the year arrived at Rome *via* Leghorn.
- 1750 52. Studied at Rome.

1752. May 3rd. Left Rome for Florence *via*  
Perugia, Assisi and Arrezzo.  
May 10th. Arrived at Florence.  
July 4th. At Bologna.  
July 16th. At Modena.  
July 24th. At Venice.  
August 16th. Left Venice for England  
*via* Paris.  
October 16th. Arrived in London.
1753. Opened studio at 104, St. Martin's Lane.  
His house kept by his sister Frances.  
Later in the year removed to 5, Great  
Newport Street.  
Busily employed in portraiture from the  
first. Painted the *Captain Keppel*,  
*Lady A. Dawson*, etc.  
Made the acquaintance of Samuel  
Johnson.
1760. Removed to 47, Leicester Fields, now  
Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's Auction  
Rooms, on the western side of Leicester  
Square, a long lease of which he bought.  
Exhibited at the first exhibition of the  
Incorporated Society of Artists in the  
Strand.
1761. Painted *Captain Orme*, *Laurence Sterne*,  
*Lady E. Keppel*, etc.
1762. Painted *Garrick between Tragedy and*  
*Comedy*, *Lady Waldegrave as Dido*,  
*Miss Davidson*, etc.  
Visited Devonshire with Johnson.

1763. Painted the *Lord Bute and Charles Jenkinson*, etc.
1764. With Johnson founded the Literary Club.  
Painted *Lady Sarah Bunbury*, etc.
1766. Painted the *Mr. Paine*, etc.
1767. Painted the *Miss Horneck*,\* etc.
1768. Visited Paris with Richard Burke.  
Painted the *Miss Cholmondeley, Viscount Malden and Sister*,\* etc.  
Royal Academy founded with Reynolds as first President. First General Meeting held on December 14th.
1769. Reynolds knighted by King George the Third.  
Painted *Mrs. Bouverie and Mrs. Crewe, Hope Nursing Love*, etc.
1770. Painted the *Goldsmith, the Misses Crewe*,\* etc.  
Visited York and Devonshire. Adopted his neice Theophila Palmer.
1771. Painted the *Polly Kennedy, Clarissa, Mrs. Abington as Miss Prue, Mrs. Pelham*, etc.  
Received James Northcote, afterwards R.A., as pupil and assistant.  
Visited Paris.
1772. Painted *Mrs. Crewe as St. Genevieve, Dr. Robertson*, etc.
1773. Painted the *Strawberry Girl, Lady Melbourne and Child*,\* *Mr. J. Banks, Mrs. Hartley*, etc.

\* Here reproduced.

1773. Visited the Isle of Wight; Oxford to receive the degree of D.C.L.; Devonshire where he was elected Mayor of Plympton.

Adopted his niece Mary Palmer.

1774. Painted the Misses Montgomery as *Three Ladies adorning a Term of Hymen, Lady Cockburn and her Children, Dr. Beattie, Baretti, Master Edgcumbe*, etc.  
Death of his friend Oliver Goldsmith.

1775. Painted *Mrs. Sheridan as St. Cecilia, Dr. Robinson*, etc.

Attacked by Nathaniel Hone, R.A., in a pictorial libel called "The Conjuror."

1776. Painted the *Duchess of Devonshire, Lord Temple, Mrs. Montague, Master Crewe, Garrick, Miss Bowles*,\* etc.

1777. Painted the *Lady Bampfylde, Lady C. Montagu, Lady Beauchamp*, etc.

1778. Painted the *Marlborough Family, Mrs. Payne Galwey, Lady Beaumont, Mrs. Hardinge*,\* etc.

Visited the military camps at Coxheath and Winchester.

1779. Painted the *Nativity, Christian Virtues*, etc.  
Death of David Garrick.

1780. Painted the *Gibbon, Miss Beauclerk as Una, The Hon. F. Ingram*, etc.

Finished the *Dilettante Society* groups.

The Academy exhibitions removed to Somerset House.

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1781. Painted the *Ladies Waldegrave, Lord Richard Cavendish, Master Bunbury,\* Lady C. Pelham Clinton,\** etc.  
Marriage of his niece Theophila to Mr. Gwatkin.  
Visited the Low Countries and Germany with Mr. Metcalfe.
1782. Painted *Mrs. Baldwin, Colonel Tarleton,* etc.
1783. Attacked by James Barry, R.A., in that painter's description of his paintings in the Adelphi.  
Painted *Mademoiselle Baccelli,\** etc.  
Made a second tour in the Low Countries.
1784. Painted *Mrs. Siddons as the Tragic Muse, Lady Honywood, Lady Dashwood, Charles Fox, Miss Kemble, Mrs. Abington as Roxalana,* etc.  
Appointed Court Painter on the death of Allan Ramsay.  
Death of Dr. Johnson.
1785. Painted the *John Hunter, Richard Sharpe, Age of Innocence,\** etc.
1786. Painted the *Duke of Orleans, Duchess of Devonshire and Daughter, Countess Spencer, Miss Bingham, Child and Guardian Angels,\* Viscount Althorpe,\** etc.
1787. Painted *Lady Smith and her Children, Cherubs' Heads, Infant Hercules,* etc.

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1788. Painted the *Lord Heathfield, Lord Grantham and Brothers,\* Lady E. Foster, Samuel,\** etc.

1789. Painted the *R.B. Sheridan, Lord Rodney, Miss Gwatkin,* etc.

July 13th. Lost the sight of the left eye quite suddenly whilst painting.

July, August and September. Sought distraction by visits to Burke at Beaconsfield, to Arundel, Chichester, Petworth and Brighthelmstone.

1790. Misunderstanding with Sir William Chambers and certain of the Academicians; resigned the Presidentship. Later withdrew his resignation.

December 10th. Delivered his last address to the Academy.

1791. Gradual failure of sight.

1792. February 23rd. Sir Joshua died at the age of 69, of a liver complaint.

March 3rd. After lying in state at the Academy Rooms at Somerset House by command of King George the Third, buried amid signs of universal respect in St. Paul's Cathedral.



*M<sup>rs</sup> Sheridan as S<sup>t</sup> Cecilia.*





*Nelly O'Brien.*





*Miss Horneck.*





*Viscount. Malden and Sister.*





*The Misses Crewe.*





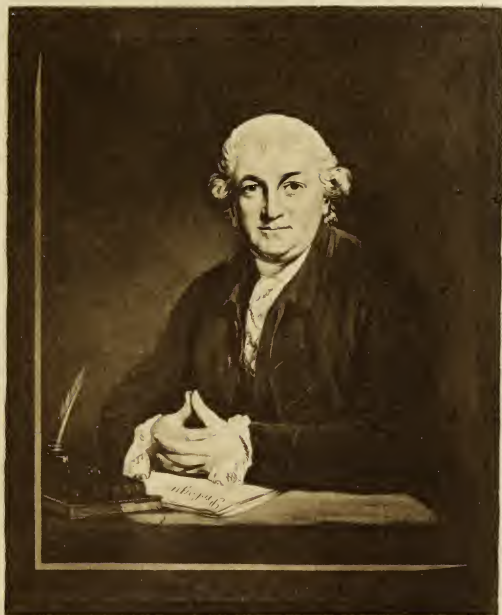
*Lady Melbourne and Child.*





*Miss Bowles.*





*David Garrick*





*Miss Cholmondeley.*





*M<sup>rs</sup> Hardinge.*





*Lady Seaforth and Child.*





*Master Bunbury.*





*Lady Catherine Pelham-Clinton.*





*Mlle. Bacelli.*



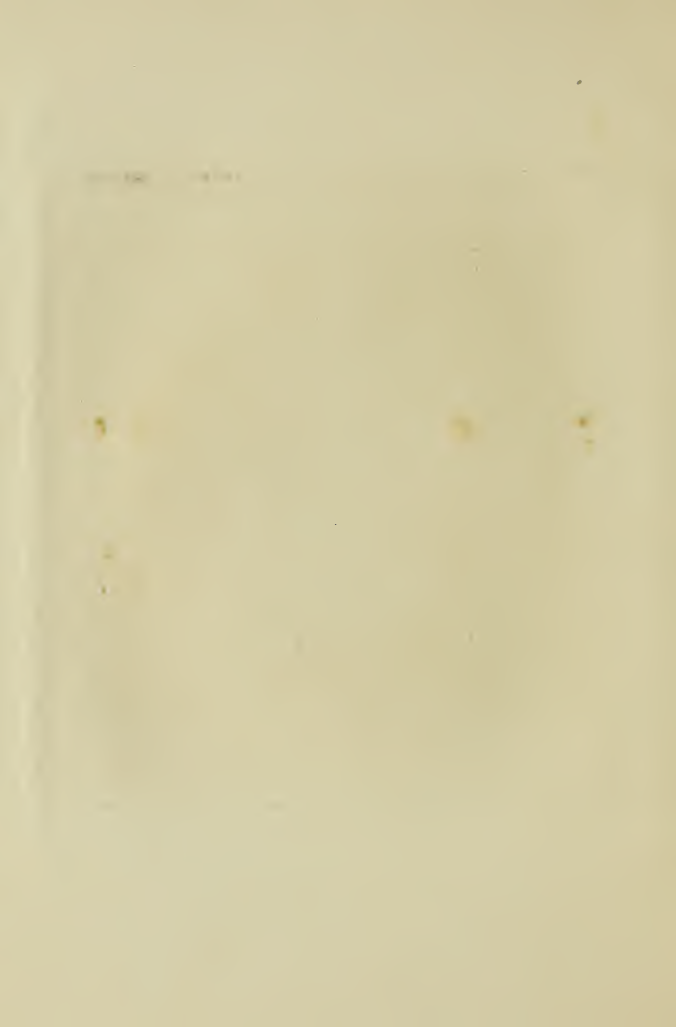


*The Age of Innocence.*





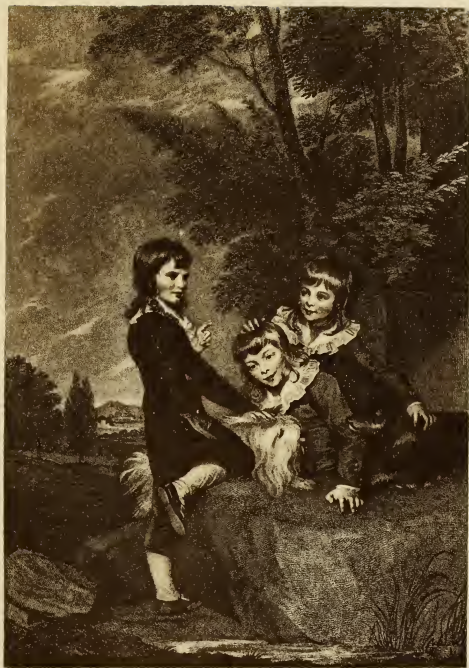
*Guardian Angels.*





*Viscount Althorpe.*





*Lord Grantham, and Brothers.*





*Samuel.*





*The Ladies Yorke.*





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